Quantum of Rice supplied by FCI to Orissa

491. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice supplied by the Food Corporation of India to Orissa during 2000 and 2001 as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that the quality of rice is very poor and sub-standard;

(c) whether proper norms have not been followed in the allotment; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) 853, 340 tonnes of rice in year 2000 and 2,89,162 tonnes of rice in year 2001 (January-June, 2001) was supplied to Orissa under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Good quality of rice free from insect, infestation and conforming to Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) norms are supplied under TPDS by the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Wheat, Rice and Maize

492. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of wheat, rice and maize likely to be exported this year;

(b) whether in view of rejection of wheat shipments by Iraq facilities for upgradation and checking quality of wheat would be set up at ports;

(c) if so, the ports where this facility would be provided; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The quality of foodgrains exported depends on the specifications laid down by the importing countries.